

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace with amended Fig. 1, attached hereto as a replacement sheet

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, and 15 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are cancelled herein. The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claim 8 contains allowable subject matter.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings requesting that Fig. 1 include the legend "PRIOR ART." A replacement sheet is enclosed herewith depicting Fig. 1 bearing the proper legend and having REPLACEMENT SHEET in the header. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to the title of the invention and to the specification. The concerns raised by the Examiner have been addressed above, and include re-titling of the application and revising the description of Figs. 4 (a) and (b) and 14(a)-(c). Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 8 contains allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of any intervening claim. By these amendments claim 1 has been amended to include the features of dependent claims 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8, as previously presented. Accordingly it is submitted that as claim 1 is allowable, claims 2, 4, 9, and 15, which each depend from claim 1 are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

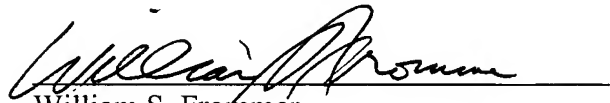
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,
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